

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

JANUARY 2007 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CLASS STATISTICS

Class 2007	Men 822	Women 177	Total 999
Class 2008	Men 853	Women 188	Total 1041
Class 2009	Men 965	Women 201	Total 1166
Class 2010	Men 976	Women 236	Total 1212
Totals	3316	802	4418

HONORS LISTS – WHAT IT MEANS

Dean's List. Consists of cadets who have a minimum course load and whose current SGPA (Semester Grade Point Average) is at least 3.0, excluding Physical Education grades.

Fourth class cadets who do not successfully complete accelerated or advanced courses and who are awarded “W” or “WF” grades in those courses are not eligible for the Dean's List.

Only grades for courses completed during the semester will count for the Dean's List.

DEAN'S LIST REQUIREMENTS. Cadets who earn a semester GPA of at least 3.0 in academic courses and are not on honor probation will be on the Dean's list. These cadets are authorized to wear the Dean's pin on their uniform for the next semester. Physical Education grades are not included in Dean's list calculations. It is possible for a cadet to have a semester GPA over 3.0 and still not be on the Dean's list if the Phy Ed grades pulled the GPA over 3.0. Likewise, it is possible for a cadet to have a semester GPA slightly less than 3.0 and be on the Dean's list if the Phy Ed grades were low. Also note that only the semester GPA determines the Dean's list. Therefore, cadets cannot be placed on the Dean's list based on Prog (mid-semester) grades or Cum GPA. However, cadets may be removed from the Dean's list at Prog if their mid-semester grades put them on Academic probation. Prior to spring 2006, any probation precluded placement on an honor list. Beginning with spring 2006 end-of-semester performance averages for the classes of 2007 and beyond, probationary status, with the exception of honor probation, does not preclude a cadet from earning placement onto an honor list.

Commandant's List. Consists of those cadets whose current semester Military Performance Average (MPA) is 3.00 or above.

Cadets removed from probation at mid-semester who meet all other established criteria will be placed on the Commandant's List.

Fourth class cadets who received an Air Officer Commanding (AOC) rating of A+ or A for basic cadet training (BCT) will be authorized to wear the Commandant's pin for their fall academic year semester.

Athletic Director's List. Consists of cadets whose current semester Physical Education Average (PEA) is 3.00 or above and who meet all other established criteria.

A cadet must pass all physical education courses, the physical fitness test, and the aerobic fitness test to be eligible for the Athletic Director's List.

A cadet who is removed from probation at mid-semester who meets all other established criteria will be placed on the Athletic Director's List.

Superintendent's List. Consists of cadets who are on the Dean's, Commandant's and Athletic Director's Lists.

PINS – WHAT THEY MEAN

Dean's Pin: A star for receiving above a 3.0 GPA

Athletic Pin: Lightning bolt for receiving above a 3.0 PEA

Commandant's Pin: A wreath for receiving above a 3.0 MPA

One can also get any combination of the pins (any 2 or 3)

Receiving all three, (A star inside the wreath with two lightning bolts on the bottom) means the cadet is on the Superintendent's List.

The three averages are figured separately.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE AVERAGE (OPA). The graduation class standing is based on cadet cumulative Overall Performance Average (OPA). Beginning with the Class of 2009, OPA is the weighted combination of 60% cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), 30% cumulative Military Performance Average (MPA), and 10% cumulative Physical Education Average (PEA). The top 10% are selected Distinguished Graduates. GPA normally includes Phy Ed grades. For the calculation of OPA, Phys Ed grades are removed from the cum GPA.

$OPA = 60\% \text{ GPA} + 30\% \text{ MPA} + 10\% \text{ PEA}.$

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION GRADUATING CLASS BASED ON

Distinguished Graduate:	Up to top 10% (OPA)
Preference for Graduate Education:	Top 15% (OPA)
With "Academic Distinction:"	Top 10% (GPA)
With "Military Distinction:"	Top 10% (MPA)
With "Athletic Distinction:"	Top 10% (PEA)

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BCT	Basic Cadet Training
CGPA	Cumulative Grade Point Average
CMPA	Cumulative Military Performance Average
COPA	Cumulative Overall Performance Average
CPEA	Cumulative Physical Education Average
SGPA	Semester Grade Point Average
W	Withdrawn from the course with a grade of “W”
WF	Withdrawn from the course with a failing grade
WP	Withdrawn from the course with a passing grade

CLASS OF 2007 PISTOL (information from the dealer)

1. This pistol is a Springfield Model 1911, 45 cal.
2. The cost of the pistol is \$1,575.00 + sales tax, if applicable.
(Shipping is included in the cost of the gun)
3. This pistol is primarily shiny nickel plated, with gold (24kt) and black chrome accents. The grips are made out of an ivory polymer. The metal is engraved through an etching process and the grips are laser engraved.
4. We do have payment plans for these pistols. We ask for a deposit of \$500 at the time of purchase and the balance is due prior to shipping. For our payment plans, we ask for a credit/debit card to be charged on the 15th of every month; I ask for a payment of at least \$100 per month.
5. We accept cash (preferably in the form of a money order or cashier's check), checks, VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
6. We ship all of our pistols UPS Next-Day Air. Because these are fully functioning firearms, all pistols must be delivered to a gun dealer (a Federal Firearms Licensee) who can run a background check and transfer the firearm over to the customer. We pay for all transfer fees so that the customer does not have that added cost to the firearm.

Our production time is about 4 weeks from the date of purchase. All of these orders will come with a hard case and an engraved plaque that can be personalized for the customers. All of this is included in the cost of the gun. We have pictures on our website:

http://www.aaengraving.com/new_releases/usafa2007/usafa2007.htm

Also, we are going to try to see if a local gun dealer in Colorado Springs, with whom we have worked over the past several years, will hold our artist proof gun at his shop for viewing by the cadets. More to come on that.

If you have any more questions, please contact me either by e-mail or telephone.

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WINGS OF BLUE WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo., – For the 28th time the Academy's Wings of Blue Competition Parachute Team won the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships at Lake Wales, Fla., Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. The team set a new national record with 116 points, winning 32 medals, including nine gold. Air Force swept the highly competitive four-way formation event, won five out of six medals in the individual style event and took 2nd and 3rd in the team accuracy event. In addition, Cadet 1st Class Michael Bush was crowned the 2006 National Champion after finishing first in four-way, first in style, second in team accuracy and second in individual accuracy.

CADET PAY

CLASS OF 2010

- Advance pay \$6500
- Fixed monthly pay \$100
- Book allotment - Jul \$700 Nov \$600 Jun \$600
- Supplemental \$180
- BAS (Basic Allowance for Subsistence (Mitchell Hall dining)) \$181
- Total pay to bank \$3461

CLASS OF 2009

- Fixed monthly pay \$220
- Book allotment - Nov \$600
- BAS \$331
- Net Pay NLT Jun 06
- Total pay to bank \$4058

CLASS OF 2008

- Net Pay (\$846 basic pay less deductions)
- BAS \$331
- Average \$593 month
- Total pay to bank \$7,124

CLASS OF 2007

- Net Pay
- BAS \$331
- Average \$584 month
- Total pay to bank \$6429 (11 months)

TROY CALHOUN NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Former Houston Texans offensive coordinator Troy Calhoun is the new head football coach at the Air Force Academy. Calhoun, a 1989 Academy graduate, is the sixth head coach in school history and first graduate to hold the position. He replaces Fisher DeBerry, who retired Dec 15 '06 after 23 seasons as head coach.

Calhoun completed his first season with the Texans as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. Texans head coach Gary Kubiak brought Calhoun along with him from the Denver Broncos where he served as the assistant to the head coach in 2005. Calhoun became a well-rounded NFL coach, working as a defensive assistant, special teams assistant and offensive assistant with the Denver Broncos prior to this season. He began his NFL coaching career by serving as the defensive assistant under defensive coordinator Larry Coyer in 2003. He was a part of the NFL's fourth-ranked defense. The Broncos defense ranked seventh against the run and sixth against the pass.

Prior to the NFL, Calhoun, a native of McMinnville ,Oregon, was an offensive coordinator for six seasons on the collegiate level. He began his coaching career at Air Force where he worked as a graduate assistant from 1989-90. He started as quarterback for the Academy in 1986 and was a 4-year letter winner. He was one of only two freshmen to letter for the 1985 team that finished fifth in the final polls with a 12-1 record.

Calhoun was an active duty officer from 1989-95. He was the Falcons' recruiting coordinator and the junior varsity offensive coordinator in 1993-94.